

What are the symptoms?

For confirmed COVID-19 infections, reported illnesses have ranged from infected people with little to no symptoms (similar to the common cold) to people being severely ill and dying:

- Fever
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Aches or muscle pain
 - Sore throat
 - Chills or repeated shaking with chills
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Who is at risk?

- Individuals 60 years of age and older.
 - Individuals with chronic health conditions, such as diabetes, lung disease, or heart disease.
 - Individuals who are immunocompromised or have medical needs.
 - Individuals with access or functional needs.
 - Individuals who are homeless or experience housing instability.
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How does it spread?

- Through the air by coughing and sneezing
 - Close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands
 - Touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes
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What is DPH doing?

- We are in contact with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as well as other local, state, and national partners to share information.
 - We have sent information to health care providers around the state with current recommendations for screening and testing for COVID-19, as well as to EMS and home health care providers regarding proper protection procedures.
 - We are holding frequent calls with staff and our state and health care provider partners to stay up to date with the latest updates.
 - We are sharing messaging with partners and the public as it becomes available.
 - This is a rapidly evolving situation, so information and recommendations are likely to change quickly as well. We will continue to learn more in the coming days and share new information as it is available.
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What is a Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)?

A novel coronavirus is a new coronavirus that has not been previously identified. It is named for the crownlike spikes that protrude from its surface. The virus causing coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), is not the same as the coronaviruses that commonly circulate among humans and cause mild illness, like the common cold.